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1. LABATT ANTHONY G. FREEMAN PLANNING TO ATTEND.
PLEASE RESERVE SINGLE WITHOUT KITCHEN AT PARK CENTRAL.

2. AS FOR PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS, BELIEVE THE BROAD
OUTLINE FOLLOWED IN THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL CONFERENCES
AT SAN JOSE AND TUNIS IS NOW WELL-ESTABLISHED AND
SHOULD SERVE AS THE BASIC MODEL.

3. TO GIVE THE CONFERENCE A POLICY FRAMEWORK, SUGGEST
TRYING FOR A PRESTIGIOUS AND AUTHORITATIVE SPEAKER, E.G.,
BRZEZINSKI TO LEAD OFF WITH AN OVERVIEW OF THE RE-
DIRECTIONS OF US FOREIGN POLICY UNDER CARTER ADMINIS-
TRATION.
OF SPECIAL INTEREST WOULD BE US STRATEGY VIS-A-VIS
SOVIET BLOC, THE NAM, OUR HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY, TRADE
AND FINANCE POLICY AND THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE.
PERHAPS A QUALIFIED ACADEMIC SOURCE COULD FOLLOW WITH
A FRESH REVIEW AND REFORMULATION OF THE RELEVANCE OF
THE LABOR ATTACHE'S ROLE AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND WITH HOPE
THIS MIGHT INFUSE NEW LIFE INTO DISCUSSIONS ABOUT
STRENGTHENING THE ATTACHE PROGRAM IN THE 1980S.
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4. TOPICS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO US THIS YEAR INCLUDE:
A. US ECONOMY, EMPLOYMENT, INFLATION AND THE
STRENGTH OF THE DOLLAR.
B. INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE US LABOR MOVEMENT,
INCLUDING LABOR LAW REFORM.
C. AFL-CIO VIEWS ON CARTER ADMINISTRATION POLICIES,

FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC.

D. ASSESSMENT OF ORIT.

E. RELATIONS BETWEEN AFL-CIO, ORIT, ICFTU, AND ITS;
THE ROLE OF AIFLD IN COORDINATING A COHERENT INTERNATIONAL
TRADE UNION STRATEGY.

F. EVALUATION OF THE 64TH ILC AND PROSPECTS FOR US
RETURN TO ILO.

G. ISSUES BEFORE THE INTER-AMERICAN LABOR MINISTERS
CONFERENCE AND PROSPECTS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF TRIPARTITE
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